

Franklin Co.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Environmental Quality

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Incoming (XX) Conference Call

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SUBJECT Recent Findings regarding Riverfront Industries, Kellwood

PERSONS INVOLVED

Name

Representing

Mike Struckhoff, Art Groner, Sandra
Carroll, Bill Ralston, John Madras

All of DNR

SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION

Mike provided the following information on his investigation at Riverfront Industries. The Riverfront Industries property (Cottonwood & Front Sts.) still has 16 drums located by the street. Some of the drums are open, and some are marked as originating at Midstate paint in St. Louis. Mike had earlier advised the prospective owner (dale Mocabee) to remove them to a safer location. Information he obtained from the property owner (Bob Monzuk) indicated that during the late '60s and '70s the building was used to prepare pipe materials for Kellwood, including the use of TCE and PCE for cleaning. During this time the waste was said to be directed toward a storm sewer. Two former employees (Lee Downey and Jerry Dodson alleged that paint booth wastes were dumped on the ground and that there was at least on significant spill of solvent materials.

Mike investigated the Deer Run Farm where wastes were also alleged to have been dumped and found that it was unlikely that that had happened. His interviews with the buyer and the SCS soil mapper, as well as his site visit, showed nothing unusual.

The operator of Riverfront Industries at the time of the alleged dumping was Leonard Lensback, who currently operates Gills Craftsman (St. Louis) and St. Clair Medical Industries (St. clair).

A former Kellwood employee (John Purser) also claimed that Kellwood routinely dumped TCE or PCA on the hillside by its factory. He stated that when TCE was found in the city's water supply, the use of TCE was discontinued and the dumping area was covered with four inches of crushed rock. Kellwood was subsequently bought by REI, Inc., and the property is currently occupied by Metalcraft.

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